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Vietnam Gives China Permission To Send Ships to Get Refugees

TOKYO, June 5 (Reuters)—Vietnam told China today that it could send ships to pick up Chinese residents in Vietnam who wanted to go to China, the Vietnam News Agency reported.

The agency said, in a report monitored here, that the Vietnamese decision was conveyed to Ambassador Chen Chih-fang of China today by Deputy Foreign Minister Hoang Bich Son of Vietnam. China asked permission last Friday to send the ships to Vietnamese ports.

In the note given to the Chinese Ambassador, the Vietnamese Foreign Ministry denied what it called a slanderous accusation by China that Vietnam was "intensively ostracizing, persecuting and expelling" Chinese, the agency said.

Vietnam said the Chinese ships would be allowed "to enter ports designated by Vietnam," the report said, adding that Chinese people in northern Vietnam and Vietnamese of Chinese descent in southern Vietnam who wanted to leave the country "will be allowed to do so by the Vietnamese authorities after they have complied with all the exit procedures."

They will be allowed to take their personal property in keeping with the current laws and regulations of Vietnam, the Foreign Ministry said.

A Bid to Remain

The Vietnamese Foreign Ministry said in a statement that the Chinese "should stay in Vietnam without anxiety, lead a normal life and join the people in the whole country in building socialism in Vietnam, and build a happy and prosperous life for themselves," the press agency said.

It added: "Those who want to stay on in Vietnam will be treated like all other foreign residents."

It called on China to negotiate with Vietnam if Peking wanted to change a

1955 agreement between the two countries covering Chinese residents in the north or if it wanted to consider the issue of Vietnamese of Chinese descent in the south.

The Foreign Ministry said that the issue was "easy to settle," but that China "whips up a large-scale propaganda campaign designed to arouse national hatred, and to create anti-Vietnamese feeling among the Chinese people."

The agency said the statement concluded by saying that Vietnam was "firmly convinced that despite all difficulties and complications caused by the Chinese side, justice will prevail, perfidious maneuvers will fail and the previous friendship" between the two countries would be preserved.

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